

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF ROSE ONION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of rose onion (Small Size Onion) produced in the country particularly in Karnataka during the last three years;
- (b) whether there is increase in the demand of rose onion in the International market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government proposes to initiate a programme to increase the production of rose onion; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): The total quantity of rose onion (estimated) produced in Karnataka during last three years is given as under:

Year	Production (MT)
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2004-05	35100
2005-06	39858
2006-07	46333

(b) & (c): Rose onion is grown for export purpose only and there is an increase in rose onion production during last three years. Total export of rose onion during the year 2006-07 was around 33421 mt. More than 90% export of rose onion was made to Malaysia.

(d) & (e): For enhancing horticulture production including rose onion, two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely National Horticulture Mission and Horticulture Technology Mission for North Eastern and Himalayan States, are being implemented in the country wherein assistance for area expansion under horticulture crops alongwith technical guidance for quality seed production to the growers is provided through extension programmes, which help in enhancement of area, production and productivity of horticultural crops including rose onion.